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1. LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS GOVERN SCIENTIFIC AND SCHOLARLY RESEARCH IN ECUADOR IN THE FIELDS OF ARCHEOLOGY, ECOLOGY AND IN SOME GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF STRATEGIC INTEREST.

2. REGULATIONS FOR DOING ARCHEOLOGICAL STUDIES ARE CONTAINED IN THE "LEY DE PATRIMONIO ARTISTICO" AND "DECREE NO. 1008" (COPIES BEING SENT UNDER SEPARATE ENCLOSURE).

3. UNDER THESE REGULATIONS, RESEARCH, EXPLORATION AND EXCAVATION OF ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES CAN ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN WITH PERMISSION FROM THE "CASA DE LA CULTURA ECUATORIANA", THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPING THE ARTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND PRESERVING ITS CULTURAL HERITAGE.

4. WHEN THE "CASA DE LA CULTURA" AUTHORIZES EXCAVATIONS BY FOREIGN SCHOLARS AND INSTITUTES AND ALLOWS THE ARTIFACTS TO BE REMOVED TO AN INSTITUTION

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OUTSIDE ECUADOR, A DETAILED REPORT MUST BE DEPOSITED

IN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF QUITO.

5. FURTHERMORE, THE "CASA" UNDER THE "LEY DE PATRIMONIO ARTISTICO" (PROMULGATED IN 1965) HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN AUTHORITY OVER ALL ARTIFACTS AND TREASURES COMPRISING ECUADOR'S "ARTISTIC PATRIMONY" INCLUDING ART OBJECTS OF THE COLONEL PERIOD IN ADDITION TO ARCHEOLOGICAL PIECES. ALL SUCH PIECES MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE "CASA DE LA CULTURA" AND NONE CAN BE TAKEN FROM ECUADOR WITHOUT PERMISSION.

6. RESEARCHERS INTERESTED IN STUDYING THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS MUST OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (NATIONAL PARK DEPARTMENT). FURTHERMORE, A LICENSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NAVY IS SOMETIMES REQUIRED.

7. IN ADDITION, RESEARCH IN SOME AREAS OF THE COAST AND THE ORIENTE CANNOT BE DONE WITHOUT A LICENSE ISSUED BY NAVAL OR ARMY AUTHORITIES.

8. THE U.S. RESEARCHER SHOULD THUS REQUEST PERMISSION FROM THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY AS OUTLINED ABOVE DESCRIBING HIS PROJECT AND THE PROJECTED TIME PERIOD. IF HE HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NECESSITY FOR A LICENSE, THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SHOULD BE CONSULTED.

9. IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO INFORM BOTH THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND THE CULTURAL OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ANY FORTHCOMING RESEARCH PROJECTS.

10. IN ALL CASES, THE EMBASSY SHOULD BE INFORMED OF RESEARCH PROJECTS.
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